

REMARKS

Examination of the present divisional application filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is respectfully requested.

The present application is a division of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/024,470 (the "parent application"), filed on December 21, 2001. In the present preliminary amendment, Applicant has amended the specification to cross-reference the parent application.

The Examiner should note that the present application includes original claims 11 – 39. These claims correspond to the non-elected Group II claims that were withdrawn from consideration and later cancelled in response to the Examiner's restriction requirement on September 25, 2002 in the parent application. Please note that claim 35 is amended to correct a minor error. Claims 1– 10 were the Group I claims elected in response to the above restriction requirement in the parent application. Therefore, claims 1-10 have been cancelled in the present application.

In view of the above remarks, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Although no additional fees are believed to be due, permission is hereby given to charge any unforeseen fees to deposit account 50-1147

Respectfully submitted,



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